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- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/11/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 10/11/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/11/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/11/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/11/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/02/2008
- Small Entity Statement filed on 10/11/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/11/2005
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